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CONSUL IGNORES HIS DISMISSAL

Nicaragua's Representative in New York Refuses to be Fired by Madriz

PUTS IT UP TO THE U. S.

Pio Blanco Says That if the State Department at Washington Desires He Will Resign, Otherwise He Will Not.

New York, Dec. 28.—Pio Blanco, Nicaraguan consul in New York city, has received his dismissal by cable from President Madriz. He declines, however, to recognize the authority of Madriz and announces he will not give up his office until the state department at Washington sees fit to revoke his papers. He favors Estrada for president.

"The Madriz government," says Blanco in a statement given out here today, "has not been recognized by U. S. and therefore has no standing at Washington. Madriz cannot communicate officially with the state department. I shall be glad to forward my resignation. Until then, I continue as representative of Nicaragua here."

Blanco has ideas of his own as to what should be done in his country. "The establishment of peace is the paramount object," he says. "I think the best interests of the country are to be conserved by placing Estrada and his backers in power, because they represent the best patriotic and political spirit of the country. And the sooner this is done the better, for promptness will save much unnecessary loss of life and destruction of property."

Much dissatisfaction is expressed by local Nicaraguans over the appointment of President Madriz of General Toledo as minister of war and Colonel Leets as commander at Corinto. The former, they say, has taken part in several insurrections in Central American countries and will be distrusted by Nicaragua's neighbors, while Leets, they continue, is a Russian and served Zelensky all too well as secret service chief.

CHINESE MINISTER'S SON WEDS.

Bride is Daughter of Special Ambassador Tong Shao Yi.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Henry Chang, son of the new Chinese minister to Washington, Chang Yin Tang and Miss Isabel Tong, daughter of Tong Shao Yi, special ambassador to the United States to express the gratitude of China for the remission of the Boxer indemnity, were married at the legation here yesterday. Yung Kwai secretary of the legation, attended the groom, and Mrs. Ying Kwai was matron of honor. The bride is 19 years old and speaks English, while the groom is a last year's graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. Both were richly gowned. The guests were Chinese and American. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Foster were the only Americans present.

DEVICES PLAN OF DEFENSE.



General Arthur Murray, U. S. N.

New York, Dec. 28.—The difficult problem of properly protecting New York city in case of war has been the subject of much study by naval authorities. It remained for General Arthur Murray, U. S. N., to devise the latest system, a system that has won universal praise.

Submarine mines have been planted under his direction in the deep waters of the "race" at the eastern entrance of Long Island sound and they will effectually cut off access to the city from the big men of war. General Murray was "considered in connection with the appointment of a successor to General F. Bell as chief of staff. He has devoted his life to the study of naval affairs.

COLLEGE CRITICS WILL MODIFY FOOTBALL RULES

Leading Authorities on Game Meet in New York Today to Consider Revision of the Rules to Rob Sport of Danger.

New York, Dec. 28.—Representatives of fifty-eight of the leading universities and colleges of the country were present at the opening of the fourth annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of America at the Murray Hill hotel today. More than ordinary interest attached to the meeting from the fact that the principal subject scheduled for consideration was the proposed revision of the present football rules with a view to making the game less dangerous.

Captain Palmer E. Pierce, U. S. A., president of the association, called the meeting to order and delivered an address reviewing the work of the association during the past year. Captain Pierce was followed by several other speakers of prominence. Chancellor James R. Day of Syracuse University spoke on the functions of athletics in college life, and D. A. Sargent, representing Harvard university, delivered an address on "Competition in College Athletics." Addresses by Dr. J. H. McCurdy, of the Y. M. C. A. Training School of Springfield, Mass., on "The Interrelation of All Forms of College Athletics," and Prof. Thomas F. Moran, of Purdue University, on "Courtesy and Sportsmanship in Intercollegiate Athletics," occupied the remainder of the forenoon.

After luncheon the delegates reassembled to take up the real work of the meeting, with the indication that the sessions would run over tomorrow before final adjournment would be reached. The discussion of the football rules will come with the election of a rules committee, the members of which sit with the old committee to formulate the code. Instructions will be given to this committee and these instructions will represent the views of the association on the game and the changes it will hold to be necessary for the elimination, so far as possible, of undue roughness and serious accidents.

That the colleges are undoubtedly in favor of the revision of the rules is manifest from statements made by many of the prominent delegates to today's meeting. Just how radical a revision will be decided upon remains to be seen. It is believed wholly unlikely that the Canadian game will be adopted instead of the American variety. But, on the other hand, it appears to be practically the unanimous opinion of the experts that several features of the Canadian game could be adopted with profit. The one point of the Canadian game that is most admired is the rule which protects the catcher of a kick by preventing a prospective tackler coming nearer than three yards to the man catching the ball. There seems to be a strong possibility of this rule to protect a catcher being incorporated just as it stands in the Canadian rules. If this is done it will mean a big revolution in the American style of play, and will eliminate a point that has caused nearly as many injuries as mass play ever did.

ACADEMY OF SCIENCE.

Forty-Second Annual Meeting of Kansas Body Opens Today.

Ottawa, Kas., Dec. 28.—A good attendance marked the opening here today of the forty-second annual meeting of the Kansas Academy of Science. A programme of papers, addresses and discussions on educational and scientific subjects will keep the members busy for three days.

KNIGHTS OF THE GRIP.

Congress of Commercial Men Opens in San Francisco Today.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—The Commercial Travelers' Congress, for which preparations have been making for several months, convened in San Francisco today for a two days' session. The object of the gathering is to discuss methods that will create a feeling of federation among commercial men throughout the country. The East as well as the Pacific coast region is represented at the congress.

A NEW MARRYING PARSON.

Milwaukee Preacher Has Unique Record for Long Term.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 28.—Two thousand five hundred marriages celebrated in the course of a ministry lasting through half a century, is the unusual record of Rev. Reinhard Adelsberg, who, with his wife, celebrated the golden anniversary of their own marriage today at the home of their son, Ernest L. Adelsberg. For twenty-five years Rev. Mr. Adelsberg was pastor of St. Peter's German Lutheran Church in this city, the congregation of which joined in the golden wedding celebration today.

DOCTOR CLAIMS A BRIDE.

Noted Wisconsin Tuberculosis Expert Becomes a Benedict.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 28.—A wedding of note here today was that of Miss Adele P. Vander Horst of this city and Dr. Maxyrek Porcher Ravnitz of Madison, Wis. The bridegroom is a member of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin and has an international reputation as an authority on tuberculosis and hydrophobia.

FIRE FATAL TO SEVEN CHILDREN

Blaze in Miner's Home at Sykesville, Pa., is Followed by an Explosion.

FIRE ON BOARD THE CELTIC

Liner Catches Fire When Four Days Out From New York but Passengers Not Informed—Boat Reaches Port Safely.

Dubois, Pa., Dec. 28.—Seven children, ranging from 2 to 12 years, were burned to death, and three persons perhaps fatally injured late last night when a fire, followed by an explosion of powder, destroyed the home of Stephen Bronsky, a miner, at Sykesville, Pa. All the victims are foreigners.

Fire in Liner Celtic.
Liverpool, Dec. 28.—Fire was discovered in the hold of the liner Celtic last Wednesday when the vessel was four days out from New York. The fire was still burning when the vessel arrived but its presence was unknown to the four hundred passengers. As soon as the cargo was discharged the hold was flooded. The extent of the damage has not yet been ascertained.

Four Men Meet Death.
Centerville, Ill., Dec. 28.—Four shot miners, killed in a dust explosion caused by a "windy" shot in mine No. 5, two miles south of here today. The workings are badly damaged. The dead are foreigners. Charles Carlson, one of the dead, lost two relatives in the Cherry disaster.

NET INDEBTEDNESS OF CITIES.

New York City Had Seven Times More Than Any Other in 1907.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The indebtedness of the governments of the 158 cities in the United States which, in 1907, had an estimated population of over 30,000 each, forms an interesting chapter of U. S. Census Bulletin 105, prepared by Division Chief E. H. Mallory, under the supervision of Dr. Le Grand Powers, chief statistician in charge of the official statistics of cities. It will issue in the near future from the government printing office, and Census Director Durand will submit it to Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor.

The "gross" debt includes the entire amount of debt obligations outstanding against a city, and is classified by division of the government of the city issuing, according to provision made for payment, and as held by the public or by funds of the city. In many cities such forms of current indebtedness as outstanding warrants and outstanding judgments are not thought of as indebtedness, but in reality are such and should be included in a complete statement of indebtedness. Outstanding warrants are shown for nearly two-thirds of the cities considered, and in some of the western cities constitute a considerable portion of the indebtedness. The "net" indebtedness includes the gross indebtedness less the sinking fund assets, and for purposes of comparison is more significant than the gross indebtedness.

New York City's Debt.

Of the total net indebtedness of the 158 cities, 39.2 per cent is credited to New York City, which had more than seven times the indebtedness of any other city, and more than one-half of the total of the 27 largest cities of the country. The per capita net debt of New York City was \$142.52; and the only other cities having a per capita net indebtedness of over \$100 were: Cincinnati, Ohio, \$123.85; Boston, Mass., \$120.87; Galveston, Tex., \$115.78; Pueblo, Colo., \$108.23; and Newton, Mass., \$105.83. Of the cities of over 300,000 estimated population San Francisco had by far the smallest net debt, and Detroit, with \$23.75 per capita, next to the smallest; of the cities having a population of from 100,000 to 300,000, those with the smallest per capita net debt were: St. Joseph, Mo., \$16.46, and Indianapolis, Ind., \$17.91. Of the cities having from 30,000 to 100,000 population, those having the smallest per capita net debt were: Erie, Pa., \$10.13; Wheeling, W. Va., \$10.41; Joplin, Mo., \$10.71 and Johnstown, Pa., \$11.19.

The increase in net debt for the fiscal year of 1907 was \$120,930,631, more than three-fourths of which was credited to the 15 largest cities, and more than one-half of which is credited to New York City. The only city of less than 300,000 inhabitants having an increase of more than \$1,000,000 was Seattle, Wash., whose net debt increased by \$5,791,078. Several cities decreased their net indebtedness during the year, the larger of them being St. Louis, San Francisco, Washington, Indianapolis and Kansas City.

In any discussion of indebtedness it should be remembered, the bulletin states, that the value of public improvements, and especially the amounts expended on public service enterprises, should be taken into consideration. Many cities own their waterworks, and some their light plants, and a considerable proportion of the indebtedness of such cities may have been incurred in the purchase or construction of such plants.

France sends great quantities of cheap jewelry all over the world.

WEATHER SO BAD SHEEP ARE OFFERED AT \$1 PER HEAD

Stock That Could Not be Purchased Six Weeks Ago for Less Than Six Dollars Per Head Being Sacrificed in West.

Buffalo, Wyo., Dec. 28.—The weather conditions in this section are so bad that stock masters are offering their sheep for sale at one dollar per head. These sheep could not be purchased six weeks ago, or before severe cold and snow set in, for less than six dollars per head. The weather has moderated slightly but continues severely cold at night. Little snow has melted and lack of feed and exposure to cold, it is predicted, will cause great loss to sheep raisers. Cattle are also in bad condition.

TAFT DEFINES WHISKY.

Decides Rectified, Redistilled or Blended Products May Use Name.

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Taft, after reading voluminous testimony and thoroughly investigating the question, has decided that liquor distilled from grain is whisky, and under the pure food act may be so labeled. But he directs that in the enforcement of the pure food act the exact character of the whisky shall be stated upon the label.

Manufacturers of "straight" whisky may label it as such with the further descriptive term "bourbon" or "rye," and may add, if desired, that it is aged in the wood. Manufacturers of "rectified," "redistilled" or "neutral" spirits will be required to brand their product as "whisky made from rectified spirits" or "whisky made from neutral spirits," as the case may be, and may also add, "aged in the wood," if the facts will warrant. Blends made by the mixture of "straight whisky" and whisky made from "neutral spirits" may be labeled as a "blend of straight whisky and whisky made from neutral spirits."

Kills Roosevelt's Decision.

The decision, which is of great importance to the manufacturers of whisky, is a broad reversal of the decision of President Roosevelt, made with the advice of Chemist Wiley of the Agricultural department and his attorney-general, Mr. Bonaparte. Under the last administration only straight whisky could use the label "whisky," and clear lines were laid down governing the labeling of other liquors distilled from grain as "blends" or "compounds."

Last April the manufacturers of rectified, redistilled and neutral spirits asked a rehearing on the ground that the meaning of the term "whisky" is one of fact, to be properly determined only after consideration of competent evidence drawn from those familiar with the trade. The case was reopened, as President Taft explains in his decision, because Attorney General Bonaparte had accepted the dictionary definition of the term "whisky."

Solicitor General Bowers took the testimony and collected a mass of it. He decided that "whisky" included much more than straight whisky; that it included rectified whisky, redistilled whisky and all distillates of grain reduced by water to potable strength and containing sufficient traces of fusel oil, or the congenic substances accompanying grain distillation, to give a distinctive whisky flavor to the liquor. He excluded, however, neutral spirits and found that a mixture of neutral spirits with whisky was not an adulteration of whisky.

Hits Wiley and Bowers.
The president could not, in reviewing Solicitor General Bowers' decision which he highly commends, fully follow him, but reaches the conclusions stated above.

The president takes Dr. Wiley and other chemists to task for a "fundamental error" as to what the name "whisky" has included during the past 100 years, and he also expresses the opinion that Mr. Bowers makes "too nice a distinction" in his deductions.

BIG SOCIETY WEDDING.

Miss Ethel Roosevelt Acts as Bridesmaid for Her Cousin.

New York, Dec. 28.—Miss Ethel Roosevelt acted as bridesmaid at the wedding of her cousin, Miss Christine Keon Roosevelt, whose marriage to Lieut. James Etter Shelley, of the United States Army, took place today in the Church of Zion and St. Timothy. The bride is well known in society in New York and in Washington, where she spent much time during the last administration, not only at the White House, but with her uncle, Senator Keon of New Jersey.

LEWIS CLAIMS RE-ELECTION.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 28.—President Lewis, of the United Mine Workers, estimates his majority for re-election at 38,000 over William Green, of Coshocton, Ohio.

SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE STILL ON.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28.—All the strike leaders, who have been in consultation with President Hawley of the switchmen's union, have left the city and there were no new developments early today.

RAILROAD MAN IS KILLED.

Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 28.—Robert W. Colville, master mechanic of the Galesburg division of the Burlington railroad, was run over by a locomotive and killed here today.

MADRIZ TERMS TO BE REFUSED

Estrada Will Not Accept Extraordinary Peace Conditions of President

WON'T RECOGNIZE NEW POWER

Revolutionary Head Declares Assembly Had No Right to Choose New Executive and Hostilities Will Continue.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Estrada, the revolutionary leader in Nicaragua, will not accept the extraordinary terms proposed by new President Madriz as a basis for peace. A telegram from Bluefields states that on the 22nd instant Madriz had proposed to Estrada the suspension of hostilities pending the arrival of a committee which he was sending to Estrada to discuss an amicable and equitable settlement of the present strife. Madriz begged the revolutionary leader not to obstruct his efforts for peace.

Estrada expressed a willingness to meet the Madriz commissioners but said the revolutionary party would not recognize the action of the legislative assembly in placing power in the hands of Madriz. He denied most emphatically the assembly's right to deal with the election of a president and stated he saw in Madriz a usurper.

The terms upon which Madriz is



President Madriz, of Nicaragua, whose Peace Terms, Will be Rejected by Estrada.

willing to make peace, it is believed, are shown in a letter purported to have been signed by him and addressed to a friend. In it he expressed his desire for peace without further bloodshed and stated that whatever might happen compatible with his dignity and with public interests he was willing to accept. He says further the revolutionists should recognize his government and that after such recognition both armies should be disbanded, all arms and ammunition being turned over to him. He states he would recognize the debts and contracts of the revolutionists and that within six months he would look for the holding of an election, he guaranteeing free voting. He adds he'd turn over such power as he had impartially to the person elected president and that he would accept any other proper conditions.

It is not doubted here Estrada's known astuteness will prevent him from accepting terms of peace, proffered upon the prior surrender by him of his army, arms and ammunition to his enemy. Therefore, it is not believed, the conference between the Estrada and Madriz commissioners will change in the present status.

Zelaya on Way to Mexico City.
Santa Lucrécia, Mexico, Dec. 28.—A private car on which former President Zelaya and party are proceeding to Mexico City passed through here today. The party is due at Mexico City tomorrow morning.

THE NEWSBOYS' DINNER.

Business Men Taking Active Interest and Will Assist Mr. Barnham.

B. Barnham of the Calumet News, Sixth street, who is going to banquet about 120 newsboys on New Year's day has ordered 160 pounds of turkey for the boys. Lately-Wiggins, through its local manager, James Wiggins, has notified Mr. Barnham that it will supply all the table butter, table and chairs necessary for the boys' use, while Decker Bros., corner of Fifth street, have promised a keg of sweet cider. The Calumet Gas company will furnish a cook stove for the occasion, and other firms in town are

WEATHER FORECAST

Local snows tonight and Wednesday.

MUTILATED BODY OF WOMAN FOUND; NEGRO IS SUSPECTED

Remains of Wife of Railroad Employee Discovered in Platte River Near Denver—Previously Frightened Negro Aways.

Denver, Dec. 28.—The body of Mrs. Belle Rup, wife of a railroad employe, was found in the Platte river this morning terribly mutilated and the police are searching for a negro believed to have committed the crime. The negro attempted to force entrance to the house last night, but the woman fired two shots through the door and drove him away. She then went in search of a policeman and it is thought he waylaid and killed her. According to the children, the negro returned some time after Mrs. Rup left and took everything of value he could find.

FREDERIC REMINGTON DEAD.

Funeral of Late Artist Held This Afternoon at Camden, N. Y.

South Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 28.—Frederic Remington, probably the world's premier artist in depicting frontier scenes and life on the plains, died at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning at Loral place, his home in Edgfield, Conn., following an operation for appendicitis.

The operation was performed Thursday evening by Dr. Abbe of New York, assisted by Dr. Lowe of Ridgefield and Dr. Stratton of Danbury. Although it was the last resort in an aggravated attack, Mr. Remington rallied satisfactorily and it was thought he would recover. Complications arose Sunday, however, and the artist sank rapidly during the night.

Mr. Remington leaves a widow, formerly Miss Eva A. Tatent of Gloversville, N. Y. There are no children.

Prayers were said over the remains at Loral place yesterday morning and the funeral will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from Mr. Remington's old home in Camden, N. Y., where burial will follow.

SOUTHERN EDUCATORS.

Sixteen States Are Represented at Big Gathering Today.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 28.—Sixteen states have sent large delegations to the annual convention of the Southern Educational Association, which met in this city today for a three days' session. The various state superintendents of public instruction as well as many county and city superintendents are in attendance, and there are also present many noted educators from various sections of the country who have been invited to address the gathering. Prominent among the latter are former President Eliot of Harvard University, President Judson of the University of Chicago and President Jordan of Leland Stanford University.

Among the noted Southern educators who are scheduled for addresses are President Hill of the University of Missouri, Chancellor Kirkland of Vanderbilt University, President Mezes of the University of Texas, President Denney of Washington and Lee University, President Abercrombie of the University of Alabama, President Venable of the University of North Carolina, President Mitchell of the University of South Carolina, President Kinnannon of the University of Mississippi and Prof. Claxton of the University of Tennessee.

In conjunction with the meeting of the Southern Educational Association sessions are being held by the American School Peace League, the Southern Association for the Improvement of Public Schoolhouses, the Religious Educational Association and the Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology.

ROADS FIGHT LOW RATE.

Contest Waged Over Railroad Passenger Rates in S. Dakota.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 28.—The taking of testimony in the passenger rate case was begun here today. The contest has waged for over a year and is between the State of South Dakota, which is seeking a reduction in passenger fares from 3 to 2 1/2 cents a mile, and the various railroads doing business in the State, which are endeavoring to have the present 3-cent rate maintained indefinitely.

FIGHT WAS CALLED OFF.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.—The tenuous bout between the featherweight champion, Abe Attell, and Tommy Mowatt, both of Chicago, scheduled for last night, was postponed indefinitely. Promoter C. B. Nelson did not state the reason for postponement, which was decided on late yesterday.

taking an active interest in the newsboys' dinner. This is the first time in the history of the city that businessmen have decided to entertain the local carriers.

Mr. Barnham and those associated with him, have entered into the spirit of the affair with zest, and promise to give the boys the time of their lives. Rev. D. Staiker of the Calumet Presbyterian church, is to be asked to attend and pronounce the blessing previous to the commencement of dinner. A number of Red Jacket citizens have promised to assist Mr. Barnham in waiting on the boys and the Associated Charities is also to be represented.

STARVING CREW FINALLY SAVED

Men Aboard Schooner Caine Reduced Almost to Spectres by Starvation

HAD TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE

Craft is Towed to Hoquiam, Wash., With Only Few Pounds of Mouldy Hardtack Standing Between Sailors and Death.

Hoquiam, Wash., Dec. 28.—Her crew reduced almost to spectres by slow starvation and with the captain believed to be dying, the schooner Minnie A. Caine, was towed into Gray's harbor yesterday with only a few pounds of mouldy hardtack standing between the men and death.

The schooner sailed from Hypong, China, September 20 and was still off the Chinese coast when a typhoon almost wrecked the vessel and carried away almost all of the food supplies. For almost one hundred hungry days the captain and crew were on short rations and that had adverse winds been encountered off this coast, all admit they must have perished. Captain Olsen was too near death from heart disease, superinduced by lack of food, physicians say, to permit him to be removed to the hospital.

German Freighter Lost.

Hamburg, Dec. 28.—The German freight steamer, Capua, with her crew of twenty-three, has been given up for lost. The vessel sailed from this port December 1 for Genoa, and was last sighted two days later.

LOCATES IN LOS ANGELES.

Word has been received in Calumet that Rev. Fr. Zuvich, formerly pastor of the St. John's Croatian church, is now located in Los Angeles. An effort is being made to establish a Croatian parish there, and if successful Fr. Zuvich will likely become its first priest.

POULTRY SHOW OPENS.

Annual Exhibit of Fowl Attracts Attention in New York.

New York, Dec. 28.—The clamorous cackle of barnyard fowls intermingled with the measures of cats and the cooing of pigeons, filled Madison Square Garden today at the opening of the twenty-first annual exhibition of the New York Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock association. The show, which will continue through the week, is in many respects the biggest affair of its kind ever seen in the metropolis. The exhibits come from all parts of the United States and Canada and include a wide variety of poultry and pigeons, fancy birds, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs and other pet stock.

MICHIGAN MAN SUCCEEDS.



David E. Thompson, president of the Pan-American railway, dreams of a Pullman trip from Alaska to Cape Horn.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 28.—Much has been said about the Pan-American railroad but it is left for a few enterprising individuals, headed by David E. Thompson, to fight the battles which are making this great railroad a possibility. At present the work is centering along the construction of a road through Southern Mexico. This will connect with other roads so that it will be possible to travel from New York city to the Isthmus of Panama by July 1, next.

This is a big step, though only one of the many which are necessary to complete the great Pan-American railroad.

Mr. Thompson recently resigned the office of United States ambassador to Mexico in order that he might become president of the Pan-American railway. He is 55 years of age and a self-made man, who has fought his way to the top from a humble farm home near Coldwater, Michigan. Last June he was given his degree, LL.D., by Milton college, Wisconsin.